

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE TRANSVAAL

**A NEW SOUTH WALES ARMY
MEDICAL CORPS.**

A few days ago Major Williams, principal medical officer of the New South Wales forces, forwarded to the Government through Major-General French at Melbourne on behalf of the Medical Headquarters Staff to proceed to the Transvaal. They were willing to provide a field hospital of 50 beds, and a company of all ranks, and a body-bearer company of 53 of all ranks. The men could be ready to go at 10 days' notice, and take with them the necessary ambulance waggon and other appliances. The Minister was informed that this colony was the only British possession south of the line of the Tropic of Cancer, and that the offer was suggested that the Imperial authorities should be at once acquainted with the proposal.

The Premier forwarded a cablegram to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and yesterday he received the following reply :—“ Referring to your telegram of October 13, the medical staff corps for service in the Transvaal would be gladly accepted.”

The military authorities are of course unable to take any further steps until Parliament has stated its desire. It is generally assumed, however, in military circles that its view of the cordial reply of the Home Government the corps will be sent.

TELEGRAPHIC CENSORSHIP.

The Postmaster-General has received the following message :—" The Administration of Natal notifies that communication between that colony, of the one part, and the Orange Free State, of the other, is entirely suspended."

The following is the advice from the Cape of Good Hope :—" Eastern Extension Telegraph Company notifies that all communication between that colony, of the one part, and the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, of the other part, is entirely suspended. All telegrams with South Africa are submitted to censor at Aden."

THE POSITION.

Our cablegrams of this morning show little change in the position of the contending parties. This practically means that the Boers are gradually losing the only chance they had of securing a notable victory. For, if they cannot do anything in the face of the small British force now engaged against them, they will have little chance of succeeding, as British reinforcements after reinforcement arrive. The main question now is whether the Boers will make any further move.

But the British at Kimberley, whose latest communications went to the outside world before, communications were cut off was "All well," are now asking for assistance. It may possibly be the case that the British troops who came into collision with the Boers at Spryfontein were the advance guard of a relief ex-

condition. Any news from Kimberley must be transmitted by the post, and the nature of things be fragmentary and imperfect, inasmuch as the town is surrounded and there is no telegraph or railway communication. The mere fact that Mr. Rhodes is shut in with the rest is bound to be an incentive to renewed action on both sides. The British troops being animated by his presence, and the Boers being anxious to secure the man whom they look upon as the most determined and constant enemy of their enemies. Mr. Chamberlain is out of their hands.

"Globe" statement, as called this morning, that they have offered £3000 for Mr. Rhodes, dead or alive. Meanwhile the defending force at Kimberley, numbering 4000 men, many of whom have only recently arrived in the country from England, may be expected to give a good account of themselves.

AT LADYSMITH.

to retire from their strong camp at Dannhauser to Ingagwa, but even so they have been able to cause the evacuation of Dundee and Glencoe, the points to which their outposts extended. Sir George White, in command at the great camp at Ladysmith, has not been able to

secure the safety of these two places, but the attempt of the Boers to cut off communication between them and Ladysmith, and so to isolate them for extermination at pleasure, has failed of success. Sir George White's position seems to be impregnable, and he can afford to adopt Fabian tactics. The arrival at his camp of 9000 Kaffirs employed at

the Johannesburg mines, under the leadership of two Englishmen, is instructive in at least two directions: that the Kaffirs have not been led astray by Boer statements of British cruelty to employees, and that communication between the mining capital of the Transvaal and Ladysmith is still open to large bodies of men.

AT MAPEKING.

News creeps slowly out from the isolated town of Mapeking. The Cape Ministry had left this important position without defence of any kind, but Colonel Baden-Powell has doubtless long before this

turned the natural position to advantage in every possible way. He and his 1000 men, fully equipped for war and well accustomed to Boer methods, will doubtless hold the place until the arrival of reinforcements enables them to take the offensive. There is a report in this morning's cables that the Boers

BOER MARKSMANSHIP.

Boers will be read with interest in view of the boasted superiority of Boer manhood over British. There is no reason to believe that the Boers have degenerated in this respect, but there is certainly proof of the assertion of British improvement, which was made in these columns not long ago.

In one case the Boers attacked an armoured repairing train north of Mafeking, with the result that nine British were wounded whilst two Boers were killed and three wounded. In the other case, which was also an attack on an armoured train, this time at Snyfontein, near Kimberley—there were no casualties at all on the British side, whilst

Five Boers were killed and seven wounded.

THE ZULUS.

A well earned hatred of the Boers, more than

friendship to Great Britain, was probably the incentive which moved Dintzulu, the Zulu chief, to offer this aid. If the British had not interposed, the Zulus would have exterminated the Boers long before now, a consummation which, as some people think, would have saved a deal of trouble. The British Govern-

quiet, and not to disturb the Transvaal Zulus. But it is easier for Mr. Chamberlain to give this order than for the Zulus, naturally a fighting race, to obey it. Still it was the right order to give. Great Britain cannot afford to repeat the mistakes made in the War of American Independence, when the aid of

THE FRENCH-CANADIANS.

Our cablegrams tell us this morning of the French-Canadians joining enthusiastically in the movement.

to send a contingent to South Africa. There is, indeed, no reason why they should not volunteer as readily as their fellow-colonists of British descent. They have their full share of privileges, and are just as much interested as others can be in the maintenance of British prestige. Men of their race have

obtained the highest honours available, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself is of French extraction. Now the less this enthusiasm will probably be of high international importance. The offers of assistance made by the Australasian colonies might be attributed to the British origin of the colonists—attributed unjustly, as men of all European

THE WAR RISK AT LLOYD'S.
When the London mail closed on the 15th ultimo

the rate at Lloyd's to cover the risk of a declaration of war between England and the Transvaal during the following three months was 30 guineas per cent. It was believed, however, that amounts might possibly be placed at 25 guineas per cent.

THE WAR FEVER IN HONGKONG.

According to the Hongkong news by yesterday's China steamer about 50 of the Hongkong Volunteers signed a circular intimating their willingness to offer

their services to the Imperial Government in the event of hostilities breaking out in the Transvaal. It is also stated that General Gascoigne had intimated to the originators of the movement that he would be agreeable to forward to the War Office the application of the volunteers for active service, provided the volunteers were enthusiastic. The result was

of men signed their names, but some of the men volunteered under conditions prohibitive of their departure from the colony. Nearly all the staff of one large firm signed the circular, but, as a Hongkong exchange remarks, it is not reasonable to suppose that the firm is so struck with the war fever that they are willing to stop business for any length of time.

Others have volunteered in the expectation that on their return to the colony they will be able to resume their old duties in the office. It would appear, however, that the patriotism of several prominent residents is of a very substantial character, for these gentlemen have agreed, in the event of the colonial

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